

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR CLINTON TOWNSHIP'S STORMWATER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Columbus, OH – The Franklin County commissioners today executed a funding agreement with Clinton Township that provides \$107,275 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding designed to assist the township trustees with their 2003 University View Storm and Road Improvement Project.

Today's resolution will partially fund an infrastructure project designed to improve some 2800 linear feet of two-lane roadway that is 18 feet wide. The existing six and eight inch drainage pipe will be replaced by 12, 15 and 18 inch PVC conduit, while the existing, dilapidated catch basins will be replaced by new catch basins that meet modern design standards.

Commenting on this agreement, Board President Dewey Stokes said, "We are continuing our working relationship with our townships and will assist them whenever possible. Clinton Township's receipt of OPWC funding combined with CDBG funds from the county will allow this much needed, infrastructure project to begin."

"These particular streets have been in poor condition for some time now," said Commissioner Arlene Shoemaker. "They've been kept up recently only by the constant attention of the township's road crew. The poor drainage on these streets has only compounded the deterioration of the roadway surface. This project will continue and complete improvements in this neighborhood that were begun back in 1994."

Commissioner Mary Jo Kilroy stated that the county CDBG funding is being used to leverage an OPWC Round 17 grant. "This is another instance," she said, "of the county working with our townships and other partners to find the necessary funding to accomplish these much needed infrastructure projects."

This improvement will serve 250 low and moderate-income households in the University View Target Area. The roadways involved are portions of Gerrard, Hess, 9th and 10th Avenues.

Total cost of this project will be \$238,388. The CDBG funding committed to this project represents 45% of the total cost. Clinton Township, through their OPWC grant funding, has committed \$131,113, or 55% of the project's total cost.

Construction will be completed by March 31, 2004.